

OGC Has Reviewed

For Claims

Chief, Fiscal Division
Thru: Executive for A&M
General Counsel

29 June 1942
STATINTL

Report of Investigation —

1. Forwarded herewith is the file on report of investigation on an automobile accident involving an Agency sedan and a truck driven by of the Transportation Division. The report is approved as to legal sufficiency. STATINTL

2. It is noted that the Associated Transport Company, owner of the truck which injured the Agency car, has acknowledged responsibility in this matter and has requested releases prepared by them to be signed and returned for issuance of a draft. We wish to point out that this release purports to release the Associated Transport, Inc. from all claims of the Government to date, including the specific accident claim here involved. No official of this Agency has authority to sign such a general release, and it would in no case be binding on other claims which the Government might have against this Company.

3. In our opinion, this is a routine collection item which should be handled by the Fiscal Division of the Budget and Finance Branch in normal fashion. If, however, Associated Transport, Inc. insists on further release of liability, a special release could be prepared relating only to this accident. We feel that this would not be necessary and would give Associated Transport, Inc. no additional protection to that afforded by standard processing of the appropriate vouchers and other documents.

LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON

cc: Exec. for A&M

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